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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/797,854	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> DEVON C. KRAMER	<b>Art Unit</b> 3746	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 21-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 21-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al (5343104) in view of Murata et al (20010036409).

In re claims 10, 21, 23 and 24 Takahashi teaches a fan structure comprising a hub 12, a motor (218, 217) located inside the hub, a plurality of fan blades (212) connected to the hub, and a circuit board (224) connected to the motor, wherein the circuit board comprises a protrusion (232), which extends outside the circumference of the hub and carries thereon a circuit component (229), and the protrusion comprises a cutout that extends from a tip of the protrusion to the heat-generating component. Takahashi lacks the teaching of the circuit component being a heat generating component.

Murata teaches that it is desirable to cool the electric components of a fan motor on an integrated circuit board (122). (Abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have provided the protrusion area of Takahashi with an heat

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generating electronic component in view of the teachings of Murata et al; in order to prevent overheating of the motor or its components.

In re claims 22 and 25, Murata teaches that it is desirable to cool an inverter circuit with semiconductor switching devices.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10 and 21-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Please note that the examiner has found applicant's arguments persuasive in regards to the replacement of the thermistor of Takahashi would destroy the purpose of the invention. In response, the examiner has modified the reference to Takahashi to include a heat generating component in addition to the thermistor on the protruding portions of the board.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to DEVON C. KRAMER at telephone number (571)272-7118.

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